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Excessive summer traffic coming through Coffee County discussed at Monday's commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The excessive summer time traffic that comes through Coffee County, especially the Curtis community, received lots of discussion Monday morning, July 11, during the Coffee County Commission meeting.

Coffee County E911 coordinator Dean Blair began the discussion as he extended a thanks to Enterprise Rescue officials in attendance for the meeting for all they do for the county. He said he had mentioned previously that Enterprise Rescue receives an average of around 900 calls per month.

"During these summer months, we catch a lot of beach traffic through Coffee County," Blair said. "We have multiple wrecks at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 in Curtis Community. The response time of our first responders is great."

Over a 4-day timeframe during the Fourth of July weekend, he said the Sheriff's Office placed a speed device on Hwy. 141 in the Curtis Community to monitor traffic traveling south on that roadway. He said the numbers that device delivered was astonishing. Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth added to Blair's comments regarding that speed device. During the 4-day period traffic was monitored heading south on Hwy 141 in the Curtis Community, he said 22,467 vehicles traveled past the device going south.

"That's just one way," Whitworth said. "The fastest speed registered going through this area was 94 miles per hour, and the average speed was around 58 miles per hour."

He said over 10,000 cars traveled past the device exceeding the speed limit at 56 miles per hour or greater during those four days.

"It is something to see if you haven't been out there [Hwy. 84/Hwy 141 intersection] on a weekend during the summer," Blair said.

Two county road also catching a lot of the summer traffic, with the majority traveling to and from the Florida beaches, are County Road 427 in the Basin Community and County Road 460 in the Ino Community.

During the same 4-day period traffic was monitored, Whitworth said 16 speeding tickets and several warnings were issued to motorists on County Road 427. He said the fastest speed caught on County Road 427 during that time was traveling over 80 miles per hour [the speed limit on county roads is 45 miles per

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Elba woman arrested on possession charge

Elba Police arrested Kennadie Wilcox, age 22, of Elba, on possession of a controlled substance last Wednesday morning, July 6. She was booked into the Coffee County Jail, where she remained as of press time this week.

At the time of her arrest, Wilcox also was charged with a misdemeanor failure to appear charge.



CCBOE makes additional hires ahead of upcoming school year

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, July 7, for its regular meeting, and Superintendent Kelly Cobb noted that system was in a 'good place' with personnel after some additional hires were approved by the board.

With the 2022-2023 school year fast approaching, the board approved several employment recommendations made by the superintendent. Four certificated hires were approved to include:

- Sasha Jarrell, teacher at Kinston High School;
- Connie Nichols, teacher at New Brockton Middle School;
- Christy McDaniel, mental health coordinator for Coffee County Schools; and
- Anthony Donaldson, teacher at Zion Chapel High School.

Also, the board approved a transfer of Dillon Davis,

teacher at Zion Chapel High School, to teacher at New Brockton Middle School.

One teacher resignation was approved. Justin Powers, teacher at Kinston, resigned effective immediately.

Catastrophic leave was approved for Scott Crosby, teacher at Kinston. His leave is set to begin Aug. 1, 2022.

Regarding support personnel, the board approved the hire of Mallore Prescott as a teacher aide at Zion Chapel.

Several other routine items were approved by the board during the meeting. This included the awarding of produce, bakery, and bread bids.

Also, the CNP charge policy for meals was reviewed and approved. Cobb did note the waivers on free from the past couple

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Resurfacing Project Underway on Elba City Schools Campus



A resurfacing and erosion repairs project is underway on the Elba City Schools campus via a project between the State of Alabama and Elba City Board of Education. Upon return to school for the 2022-2023 school year, there will be repaved roads, and parking lots on the school campus. The architect for the project is Southern Engineering Solutions, and the contractor is Bullard Excavating. On Tuesday morning, July 12, the contractor was steadily working on the service road between the elementary and high schools (as shown above).

Elba City Council approves resolution to seek funds for street improvements

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council approved a resolution Monday evening, July 11, during its meeting that could 'pave' the way for several street improvements should a Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] application be awarded to the city.

The resolution state the city's intent to apply to the State of Alabama for a FY2022 CDBG program grant under the provisions set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for street improvements within the city limits.

City clerk Sally Bane said the improvements could include Lee Street, Adams Avenue, Reynolds Avenue, Jackson Street, Thomas Street and Jones Street if the grant is approved. The estimated total cost for the proposed improvements is \$605,175.

The grant application would be for \$500,000, and if approved, the city would provide matching funds of \$105,175 for the project.

The resolution gave Mayor Tom Maddox authority sign any and all forms necessary for the application, and it further committed the local funds to the project should the grant be awarded to Elba.

Two other resolutions were approved Monday night by the council. Both these resolutions dealt with a taxilane improvement project for the Carl Folsom Airport.

The first resolution approved by the council authorized the mayor to execute a contract with Wiregrass Construction for the taxilane improvement construction project. Wiregrass Construction submitted a base bid and add alternate 1 total of \$960,791. The resolution also noted that as the only bidder on the project Wiregrass Construction had negotiated its pricing and reduced costs by \$36,000 for the project.

As for the second resolution, the council voted to authorize the mayor to execute an engineering contract amendment for construction administration services of the taxilane improvement project at the airport. Garver is the engineering firm on record for the project.

NPS names Elba to project list

Earlier this month, the National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) announced the selection of nine new communities and partners across the South Atlantic-Gulf Region to receive expert NPS consultation to help spur local recreation, conservation and economic development opportunities.

The recipients — located in Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, and North Carolina — were selected through a competitive process and will receive assistance to help make their rivers, trails, greenways and open spaces vital, life-enhancing parts of their communities. Elba was on the list of recipients.

"The RTCA assistance program helps the NPS advance its stewardship mission while expanding local outdoor recreation options," said Deirdre Hewitt, regional RTCA program manager, NPS. "By investing in the future of communities across the southeast, we create new opportunities for people of all backgrounds to explore, experience, and enjoy this region."

The project for Elba is detailed below:

Elba Outdoor Recreation Plan Development

In the quaint and historic community of Elba, consistently flooding properties near the Pea River present an opportunity for the establishment of new parks that offer access to recreation, as well as flood retention areas to better withstand heavy rain events. With the assistance of the NPS, the city looks to develop a community-supported master plan to guide the future parks' progress for years to come. Goals of the planning effort include new river access points, walking and biking trails, and the construction of a pedestrian bridge. By expanding the city's outdoor recreation infrastructure, the city seeks to attract residents and visitors to the downtown area and its parks for enhanced recreation, social, economic and health benefits.

In making his closing comments Monday evening, Mayor Maddox said there is interest in someone purchasing the vacated "Wells Fargo" building in Elba. He said he would be involved in a meeting on that possibility on Tuesday of this week, but no further details could be released at this time.

The mayor said there is no definite date set yet, but it appears the new Elba Healthcare office should be open by the first of August.

Maddox said applications were being accepted for a new recreation programs coordinator after the resignation of William Moguel from that post. He said Moguel had accepted a coaching position at Pike Lib.

During her report to the council, Bane said Verizon

had workers in Elba this week reinstalling the antennas for its wireless services on the city's water tower located on the Elba City Schools campus. She said the officials said if everything went well this week, that Verizon wireless services should improve again in the city by next week.

The antennas had been taken down several months ago to allow for the water tower to be repainted via a project of the Elba Water and Electric Board. That project has since been completed.

Verizon customers in the area have experienced little to no service in Elba during the 'down' time.

The next regular meeting for the Elba City Council will be Monday, July 25, at 5:30 p.m. All council meetings are open to the public.

Rockin' the River event set for July 23rd in Elba

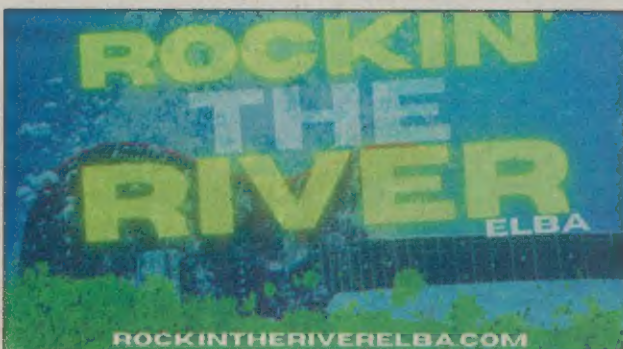
by Dioselin Cruz,
AU Living Democracy

Restoration 154, a local non-profit, will be hosting Rockin' the River Saturday, July 23, around the Elba downtown square.

Rockin' the River is a festival with a variety of activities and shows celebrating the arts, community, and nature. The festival will begin with a 5k race and kayak race. There will also be a pageant and cornhole tournament.

All throughout the day into the night, live music and vendors will be gathered on the square to provide a variety of entertainment. The festival brings locals and friends of Elba together to celebrate the arts, nature, and progress.

Rockin' the River began in 2016 as a collaborative effort between Restoration 154 and the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Since then, the event expanded from a fun afternoon on the river to an all-day festival.



Justin Maddox, Rockin' the River finance manager and Restoration 154 founder, said he believes Rockin' the River is "about community and getting to know the people who live close to you as well as visitors."

Starting at 11 a.m., different local musicians will play every hour of the day with an intermission for a parade around the square featuring 154 organizations and notable Elba figures at 1:54 p.m.

Throughout the day, artists from Coffee County and the Wiregrass will perform real-time artist demonstrations as well as a sidewalk chalk competition open to all.

The festival is taking place downtown, in part, to celebrate the renovations being made to multiple buildings on the square, especially the Elba Theatre where the Rockin' the River pageant will take place.

The annual rubber duck race will be held at 4 p.m. at the Pea River. Ducks will be placed on the river, and the first three to reach the boat ramp will receive cash prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively.

Elba's natural resources will also be celebrated through kayaking.

"I like the peacefulness of

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YOUTH FOOTBALL/CHEER REGISTRATION UNDERWAY IN ELBA...

Registration is currently going on for youth football and cheerleading at the Elba Recreation Department. Come by and fill out a registration form. The Elba Parks and Recreation office is located at 764 N Claxton Avenue in Elba, or call (334) 897-6833 for more information.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson.

10-year-old twin Mountain Brook boys saved their dad's life last month with their knowledge of CPR. Dad was swimming in a pool with the two boys and a young friend when dad passed out in the water. Two of the quick-thinking youths pulled him to the side of the pool and the third one started CPR immediately. They had no training in CPR but had seen enough on TV and the movies to pull him out of the water and do everything right to save the man's life.

Another positive lifesaving act by a young person happened in Moss Point, Mississippi, when a sixteen-year-old boy pulled three teenage girls and a struggling police officer from the Mississippi River. The girls were in a car that ran into the Mississippi River and the officer got into trouble while assisting with getting the girls out of the water.

The internet is lit up with results of recent polls on the office of President of the United States. The results don't give anyone any clear direction for America. What it does show this country boy is that we all enjoy complaining! The Republicans complain about President Biden . . . his decisions, his lack of decisions, his age and of course the war in Ukraine, price of gasoline, inflation, COVID, etc. The Democrats in turn also blame former President Donald Trump for COVID, and a list of other transgressions that is long, long, long. The polls indicate that today the nationwide winning presidential vote would be "none of the above". This week Biden's support with fellow Democrats in most of the polls is less than 50% while Trump's is a bit over half with fellow Republicans.

College football folks will do what they want without consulting those of us in the branch heads. In spite of that we must comment on the trend of players bouncing from one team to another, apparently trying to find a clear route into the pros and the big paychecks. Put us in charge of that program and you would play with the team you signed with originally or go back home and pick cotton or dig ditches. Now the paying college players to play goes against our thinking as well. If they demand to be placed on the payroll, also charge them college tuition plus room and board in the dorms. Now, we have probably offended half the world (or more) with those opinions, so we will move on to other topics.

An annual family reunion was held last Saturday, amid claims of approaching 150 years without missing a single year. Of course that would be hard to prove but minutes of most of the events are on record so the number is pretty convincing. During the lunch several sitting around yours truly got to discussing Cajun food. They discussed going from restaurant to restaurant in lower Louisiana trying various meals and how they enjoyed it. We have been invited on such trips but never found the time.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pre-K Orientation July 27th
Pre-K #1 9:00 Pre-K #2 1:00
Grade Level Orientation August 2nd
1st, 2nd, & 3rd 5:30
4th, 5th, & 6th 6:30
Kindergarten Jumpstart August 3rd
8:30-11:00
1st Day of School August 5th
Pre-K 7:30-2:30
K-6th 7:50 Tardy Bell Rings - Dismissal 3:00
After School Program Begins August 15th
Pre-K 2:30-4:00
K-6th 3:00-5:30

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, July 5, 2022, and Monday, July 11, 2022, conducted the following activity:

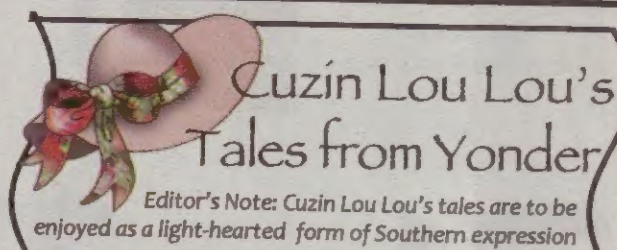
Tuesday, July 5 – Suspicious person reported on Yelverton Ave (12:35 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1584 Caroline St (1:39 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 141 and County Rd 408 (8:14 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1418 Hickman Ave (11:50 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1584 Caroline St (4:27 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 655 Smith Ave (7:36 p.m.); Fireworks complaint on Beaver Dam St (9:05 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Cedar Lane Dr and Hwy 87 (10:12 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 990 Hwy 203 – a verbal warning was issued (11:36 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one citation, and one written warning.

Wednesday, July 6 – Animal complaint reported at 435 Reese Ave – w animal impound (8:04 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 991 Winston Ave (8:27 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1243 N Claxton Ave (9:44 a.m.); Suspicious person reported

on N Claxton Ave – an arrest was made (11:12 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported to Elba Police at headquarters (11:31 a.m.); Report of a person down w unknown reason at 14491 Hwy 84 – an arrest was made (11:36 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Hickman Ave (8:44 p.m.); Missing person reported at 890 Cedar Lane Dr (9:53 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 956 N Claxton Ave (10:01 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, two assist another agency, one citation, and one arrest.

Thursday, July 7 – Structure fire reported at 1014 County Rd 513 (5:29 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Martin Luther King Dr (8:43 a.m.); Report of person down with unknown reason at 971 Carver Dr (11:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 343 Brunson Circle (12:23 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 5341 County Rd 410 (6:38 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier St (6:47 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Fox Dr (7:08 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 997 Hwy 203 (9:33 p.m.). Seventeen traffic stops resulted in 11 citations, and six written warnings.

Friday, July 8 – Noise complaint reported at Beaver Dam St, A2 (1:02 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1545 Edgewood Dr (3:26 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1303 Neil Grantham Dr (8:10 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1134 Pinecove Dr (10:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1435 E Davis St (12:20 p.m.); Assault reported to Elba



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister traveled to the land of the crimson elephant that yells "Roll Tide" for a few days last week.

It was a working trip for Lou Lou and Sister graciously tagged along to keep her company when she was not working, even

though the location was not one Sister considers a "pleasure" to be seeing as that she prefers an eagle to an elephant.

Lou Lou grew up a fan of the elephant, but she changed her allegiance to her college mascot in adulthood; however, she still prefers the elephant to Sister's eagle any day of the week!

In the elephant's town, there is a restaurant that Lou Lou says may possibly be her favorite restaurant on earth. They have a variety of things on the menu, but it's the hot wings that keeps Lou Lou coming back! Saturday afternoon, Lou Lou and Sister were able to visit the establishment for lunch, and it did not disappoint!

The restaurant is located within walking distance of the crimson elephant's football stadium. Lou Lou had parked the vehicle in a parallel spot directly in front of the restaurant, but when they were ready to leave, she needed to be going in the opposite direction. So, she drove down the road a few blocks before making a left turn to turn the vehicle around.

Upon making said turn, the vehicle was sitting right in front of the crimson elephant's stadium, and Lou Lou took the moment to aggravate Sister a bit. She kept the vehicle sitting still longer than necessary to give Sister a lengthy view of the stadium – where legends are made.

Sister quickly picked up on what Lou Lou was doing and gave her a few choice words that boiled down to, "get this car moving now!" Lou Lou tried to get Sister to have a pictured made with a replica of the crimson elephant while they were in town, but she refused.

The trip wouldn't be complete without "ragging" Sister some! She'll never admit it, but Lou Lou thinks she secretly likes visiting the crimson elephant's hometown! Don't tell her Lou Lou said that!!

She may not like the elephant, but she would have to admit they've got some pretty darn good places to enjoy a meal. And, if there is something the Yonder gang can agree on, it's that good eating is atop their list no matter where their travels take them. It shows too!!

Oh! By the way, Papa stayed home to bond with Little Bean while Lou Lou and Sister were gone on the trip. He got plenty of spoiling in too!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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hour].
As for County Road 460, Whitworth said 20-plus tickets were issued during the time period for traffic offenses.

"Of all those tickets/warnings, only two were issued to local citizens," he said. "All the others were issued to motorists from either out of county or out of state."

In other business Monday, commissioners approved motion to allow authorization of a contract for the Sheriff's Office to obtain a facility dog to be used by School Resource Officers at the county schools.

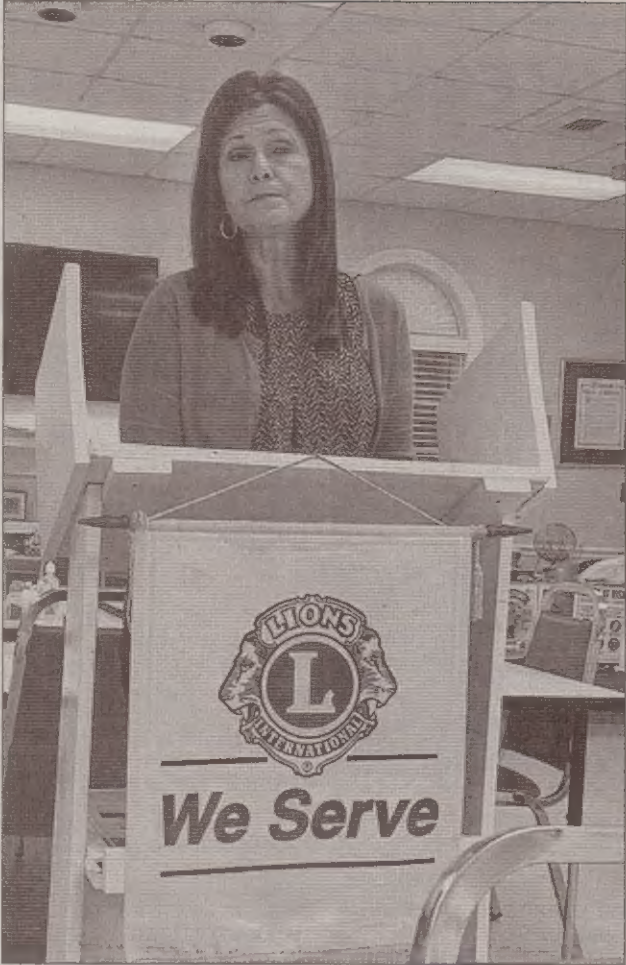
Also, commissioners gave permission to county engineer Marty Lentz to send out annual bids for fuel and gasoline if the current vendors choose not to renew for an additional year. He said those annual bids are set to expire at the end of the month.

Lentz said he felt like the current vendors would renew for an additional year, but he wanted to be ready to send out bids if they should choose to not renew.

County EMA director James Brown touched briefly on COVID numbers during Monday's meeting. He said the county had registered 93 new cases over the last 7 days, and hospitalizations have risen as well.

"It is climbing some, but we expected that for summertime," Brown said.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, July 25, at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.



Kelly Cobb, superintendent of the Coffee County School System, was the guest speaker of the June meeting for the Elba Lions Club.

BOE

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of years had expired.

The board approved an agreement to obtain a therapy dog for the schools. A presentation was made on this during a work session prior to last Thursday evening's meeting, and no further details were discussed during the board meeting.

A revision on grading procedures for grades K-2 also was approved by the board during the monthly meeting.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, Aug. 4, at 5:30 p.m.

Military Support Group Meetings:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

JAMES FARRELL DUNCAN

Mr. James Farrell Duncan, age 85, of Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 8, 2022, from the Chapel of Searcy Funeral Home and Crematory, Enterprise. Burial followed in Weed Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Alabama Chapter (P.O. Box 1170 Dothan, AL 36302).

Survivors include his son: Robert Duncan (Christina), Sherwood, Ark.; three grandchildren: Jessica Spurlock (Terry), Rob Chapman, and Brooke Duncan, all of Sherwood; six great-grandchildren: Haylee, Logan, Cooper, Sydney, Duncan and Lydia.

her daughters: Redonna Goins, Palmdale, Melanie (Travis) Tanksley, Kingston Springs, Tenn.; daughter-in-law: Nina Duffell, Mobile; granddaughters: Angela (Daniel) Duke, Nashville, Tenn.; Danielle (Jason) Graham, Franklin, Tenn.; Candice Tanksley, Nashville, Wendy (Bubba) Cooley, Laurel, Miss.; Natasha Burroughs, Palmdale; grandsons: Lucas Orso, and James (Carla) Burroughs, both of Mobile; sister: Patsy Martin Graddick, Jacksonville, Fla.; and niece: Joy Graddick (Glenn) Doyle, Jacksonville; and nine great-grandchildren.

James Solomon and Everett Askew; brother and sister-in-law, John and Icylean Askew; sister and brother-in-law, Juanita and Jessie Robinson; and sister, Linda G. Hill.

Survivors include her son: Brandon Solomon Speed; sister: Mary H. (Tommy) Robinson; brother-in-law: Jerry Hill; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

HAYWARD TOWLES

Mr. Hayward Towles, age 80, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday morning, July 3, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at Elba First Assembly of God Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Towles was a lifelong resident of Elba. He was a proud Army Veteran and often spoke fondly of his time spent in Europe, especially Germany. He served in the ministry by taking missionary trips to Haiti in his early years and teaching the men Adult Sunday School class later in life.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Morris Towles; mother, Mamie Ethel Seay Towles; and brother, Ned Towles.

Survivors include his daughter: Ceretha T. Stricklin (husband, Lee), Elba; grandsons: Conner Stricklin and Beau Stricklin, and granddaughter: Alleigh Stricklin, all of Elba; brother: Thomas W. Towles (Jack); and his nieces and nephews.

FAYE MARTIN GOREE

Mrs. Faye Martin Goree, age 83, a resident of Palmdale, Calif., died Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in Lancaster, Calif.

A memorial service was held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, Elba, Ala., on Saturday, July 9, 2022.

Faye was born and raised in the Victoria community of Coffee County, Ala. At age 18 she moved to Mobile, Ala., where she worked as a hairdresser until 2014 when her health forced her to move closer to family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hank Goree; parents, Bill & Mamie Lassiter Martin; and son, Danny Duffell.

Survivors include



MAMIE JO ASKEW-SPEED

Mrs. Mamie Jo Askew-Speed, age 72, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

She was born February 1, 1950 to the late James Solomon and Everett Lee Askew of Elba. Mamie was employed and retired after 34 years with the Federal Government at the Department of Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Orlando, Fla. She was a member of Blacks in Government where she served until her death on the National Finance Committee and was treasurer of the Central Florida Chapter. She also was a member of the Alley Cats Bowling League where she also served as treasurer.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 11, 2022 at Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mamie was preceded in death by her parents,



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it, but I also like the excitement of it," said Maddox.

Rockin' the River also highlights Elba's abundance by inviting local businesses like "Dorsey's and Ben E. Keith and all of the makers and restaurants here to let people know that we are a special place," Courtney Pelham stated.

Rockin' the River is one project in a series of projects initiated by Restoration 154 to benefit the community. Both Maddox and Pelham are Elba natives who felt compelled to return to Elba.

"When I moved away, I really wasn't sure that I was coming back," Maddox admitted.

But he came home.

He said, "I did have somebody who told me before I left say 'I really wish that young people like you would come back to town and try to make a difference here', and that did resonate with me."

After being away for 15 years, Pelham said she returned home because "I just

love the town, and I love the people." She added, "I'm at a place now as an adult that I just want to do anything that we can to make it the lovely place that it is."

Both agree that the efforts of a small group of people can have a powerful effect on the local community, and that the upcoming Rockin' the River celebration will be a beautiful reflection of life in Elba.

"There are some things that are harder to get off the ground in a small town, but there are also a lot of opportunities that you have to really drive change when you're in a small town, especially if you're really going to get involved," Maddox said.

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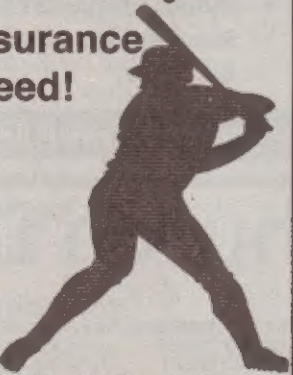
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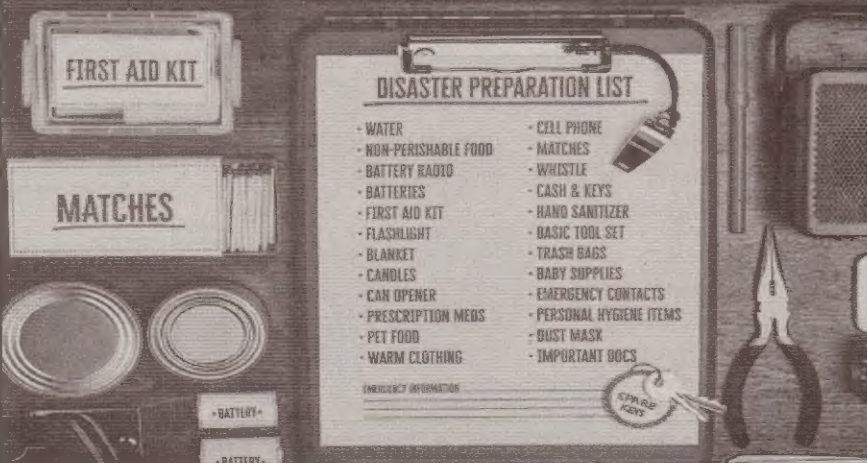
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CASE NO: PC-2022-041

IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PATMAN,
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/s/ **HEATHER NICOLE GODWIN**
Personal Representative

/s/ **Matt Brunson**
Attorney for the Petitioner

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7/14,21,28&8/4 - chg

Renovations coming to ESCC baseball, softball facilities

The baseball and softball fields at Enterprise State Community College are receiving some upgrades for future players and fans to enjoy.

The \$1.25 million project, which began in July, will include the installation of new bleachers, press boxes, backstops and netting for both sports. A new, code-compliant concession stand with restrooms will also be constructed in the complex, and irrigation and landscaping will be added to the area. The project is expected to be completed by mid-October.

"I am very excited for our coaches and players

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to see the new facilities at our baseball/softball fields." Athletic Director Jermaine Williams said. "These updates will help recruiting tremendously. This is big for the community to be able to come to a game and enjoy the college athletic atmosphere that ESCC will provide, and it shows the Wiregrass that we are serious about athletics. The future of our athletic department is going in the right direction, and it's great to see that our administration is behind athletics."

Head Softball Coach Clair Goodson echoed his statement, saying the upgraded facilities will increase community support and recruiting efforts for the College's athletic department.

"I am excited about the direction this will continue to take our programs," Goodson said. "Seeing these upgrades will help recruiting tremendously. The atmosphere around our games will just amplify and bring more and more

of our community out to support our players. The College's commitment to help us enhance our facilities is important to not only the athletes we have on campus now, but also to all future athletes we bring to ESCC. The future is bright, and I can't wait to see it continue. I'm thankful for the administration's support."

The fields will also see the addition of a paved entrance and parking lots as part of the College's partnership with the City of Enterprise to provide more recreation areas to the community. These additions will be completed at a later date. The most recent addition to the softball and baseball fields was a hitting facility that was completed in 2021. This facility has lighted lanes for athletes to practice hitting and pitching. It also serves as a space for coaches to hold development camps for these sports.

"I am excited about the updates to the baseball/

softball facilities," Head Baseball Coach Samuel Frichter said. "Any time you have updates, it shows a commitment to the program from the administration, and for that, I am very thankful. With the direction that college athletics has gone with the primary focus on recruiting, this will help us with that process and allow us to bring in high-caliber student athletes. These updates will give our players a sense of pride in the program and continue to help our community rally around both sports."

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson has discovered ice cream sandwiches and we now keep the frozen treats in the frig so he can enjoy a couple every time he drops by. I know his Mom is big into health foods and nutrition, but at our house our grandson gets what he wants.

For what it is worth....

*** This week starts the annual 'Countdown to Kick-off' for the upcoming high school football season, and while I know it may seem a little early to start thinking about football, the opening kickoff is only 36 days away and that means here in Alabama it is officially football season. We will feature the schedules of all the teams in our coverage area over the next two weeks and then take a more in-depth look into the team the two weeks leading up to the season openers. Since 'The Clipper' is now the only real news source in the county this will be the place to read about your favorite teams.

*** Pike Liberal Arts, a private school in Troy, made the move to the AHSAA a few weeks back and one of the reasons given was to help the school's athletic teams cut back in travel. That may be true for many of the sports, but for the football team it looks like the next two years could be a nightmare on Friday nights as the Patriots find teams to play in the two-year period leading up to their ability to join a region and compete for a state title. Home games this season will include Bayside, of Fairhope; Montgomery Catholic; Faith, of Mobile; and, Calhoun, while the five road games are to Mobile Christian; Brooks County, Georgia, in Quitman; Heard County, Georgia, in Franklin; Port Saint Joe, Florida; and, Bowden County, Georgia, in Carroll. Pike Lib football fans will no doubt need a map this season as the five road games have a combined round trip mileage of 1,652 miles.

*** The Kinston All-Stars won two games last week at the Alabama State Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament, in Tuscaloosa, and while I know the players, coaches and fans were disappointed the team didn't bring home a state title, it was amazing to me that a group of youngsters from a community as small as Kinston won the right to advance to the tournament by winning at the district level and then knocking off a team from Decatur at the state tournament. The youth at Kinston have always been successful in all sports and it has to be because of the dedication and pride in the youngsters, parents and coaches that are willing to make the sacrifice to be the best in whatever they do. The success at the youth level is beginning to carry over to the high school, and that means their opponents better watch out for years to come. Congratulations, Kinston, to the entire community - you make us proud!

*** In closing.... From what I have read in social media there is an attempt going on to form a semi-pro football team in Elba. The team will be called the Wolverines, and while I really don't know anything about it, players are being recruited and it plans to play its home games at Miller Memorial Stadium, in downtown Elba. As the season nears I will find out more about Elba's newest team.

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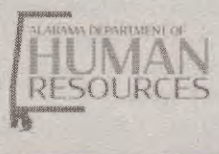
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Move to Class 1A brings new faces
to 2022 Elba Tiger football schedule

The Elba Tigers will kick off the 2022 high school football season in six weeks and after posting a winning record in 66 of their 100 seasons, and will begin the season only five wins away from the prestigious '600 Win' plateau.

Elba, which has been in Class 2A 12 of the past 14 years, will make a return to Class 1A this season after posting a 16-6 record in the Class 2A ranks the past two seasons. The last time the Tigers competed in 1A they posted a 16-7 record in two seasons.

The Tigers have recorded 15 straight winning seasons, and during the long run of success have claimed seven region titles and two state championships.

Elba is coached by Marc Sieving, who in two seasons at the helm has led the Tigers to a 16-6 record, including a 10-win season and a region title in 2021.

Following is a preview of this year's football schedule:

August 19 at, New Brockton Gamecocks

Elba will open the season on the road when they head across the county on Highway 84 to battle the 3A New Brockton Gamecocks. It will be the first meeting between the cross-county rivals since 2017, while the Tigers own a 13-1 series edge, including a 32-21 win in 2017. The Tigers posted four straight shutout victories from 2012-2015, and during the series have averaged 34 points a game while allowing just 9 points a game.

New Brockton, in its 50th year on the gridiron, has struggled to three straight losing seasons, including a 4-6 record last season, and has won just five games the past two seasons. Coach Zack Holmes is in his fourth year as the Gamecocks head coach and has led New Brockton to a 10-19 record.

August 26 at, Kinston Bulldogs

Elba will kick off region play in week two when they remain in the county for a short trip down to Kinston to oppose the Kinston Bulldogs. It will be the first meeting between the county rivals since 2019, a 40-14 win by the Tigers. Elba boasts a 5-0 series edge over the Bulldogs and has averaged 39 points a game and allowed only 5 points a game in the five wins.

Kinston is coming off a record breaking 8-4 season in which the Bulldogs placed second in the region, hosted its first playoff game in the school's football history, and posted a rare playoff win. It was the Kinston's first winning season since 2014, and during the historic season the Bulldogs averaged 23 points a game and allowed 20 points per outing. In its 52nd year on the gridiron, Kinston is led by Coach Rudy Free, who in his four years at the helm has led the team to a 13-18 record.

September 2 Houston County Lions

Elba will make its homefield debut in week three when they host the Houston County Lions in a key region clash. The Tigers will be playing Houston County for the third straight season, hold a 2-0 series edge over the Lions, including a 40-12 win a year ago, and have scored 40 points in both wins.

Houston County will be in its 95th season on the football field, posted a 5-5 record last season and enjoyed its last winning season in 2017. The Lions are coached by Jake Allen, in his first season as a head coach.

September 9 Brantley Bulldogs

The Elba Tigers will remain at home in week four for a clash with the highly-ranked Brantley Bulldogs. Elba holds a 21-018 series edge against the Bulldogs, but lost the last meeting 21-18 back in 2019 and has lost six of the last nine contests.

Brantley is in its 98th year on the gridiron and is a perennial 1A powerhouse in all sports. On the football field the Bulldogs have advanced to the playoffs every year since 1997, have posted a 36-4 record the past three years, and last season rolled to a 12-1 record. Coach Roland Jones is in his fifth year as the head man at Brantley and has led his team to a 43-8 record, with four of the losses coming in the playoffs.

September 16 Open Date

September 23 Providence Christian Eagles

The Elba Tigers will return to action for a week five homefield match-up against the Providence Christian Eagles, a 3A team from Dothan. The two teams have split their only two meetings on the gridiron, with the Tigers posting a 27-6 victory a year ago.

Providence Christian, in its 18th season on the football field, has posted 11 winning seasons, but has struggled to two straight four-win seasons after winning a total of 22 games the previous two years. The Eagles are led by veteran coach Kenny Keith, who in 11 years at the helm of the Eagles has led his teams to a 64-43 record.

September 30 Red Level Tigers

Elba will close out a long home stand in week six when the Tigers host the Red Level Tigers, in a region match-up. The Tigers own a 5-1 series edge over their visitors, with Red Level's only win coming way back in 1925. Elba won the last meeting 63-14 in 2019 and in the last four wins has outscored Red Level 232-40.

Red Level is in its 103rd season on the gridiron and has one state championship trophy in its trophy case, won back in 1957. The Tigers last winning season was in 2006, and while they have struggled to three winless seasons in the past ten years, last season they posted a 4-5 record. Coach Kenny Skipper is in his sixth year at the helm of the Tigers and has led his teams to a 12-36 record.

October 7 at, Georgiana Panthers

Elba will head back out on the road in week seven for a region battle with the Georgiana Panthers. The two teams have a 6-6 series deadlock and will be meeting for the first

Elba Tigers

2022 Football Schedule

Aug. 19	New Brockton	Away
Aug. 26	Kinston *	Away
Sept. 2	Houston County *	Home
Sept. 9	Brantley *	Home
Sept. 16	Open Date	
Sept. 23	Providence Christian	Home
Sept. 30	Red Level *	Home
Oct. 7	Georgiana *	Away
Oct. 14	Floralda *	Home
Oct. 21	Pleasant Home *	Away
Oct. 28	McKenzie *	Away

* designates region opponent

Tale of the Tigers

State Championships

1951 * 1954 * 1955 * 1989 * 1992 * 2011 * 2015 *

Region Championships

1979 * 1983 * 1984 * 1986 * 1988 * 1989 * 1990 * 1992 * 1993 * 1995 * 1996 * 1998 * 1999 * 2009 * 2010 * 2010 * 2011 * 2014 * 2015 * 2016 * 2021 *

Overall Record 595-369-27

By The Decade

2020-2029 16-6

2010-2019 101-26

2000-2009 55-53

1990-1999 60-54

1980-1989 87-31

1970-1979 65-35-1

1960-1969 54-41-5

1950-1959 60-38-2

Winning Percentage 62%

Region/Area Record 179-65

Seasons 100

Winning Seasons 66

Most Wins In A Season 15

Most Losses In A Season 9

10 Wins Seasons 16

Most Points Scored 82

Most Points Allowed 79

Longest Winning Streak 24

Longest Losing Streak 9

time since 2019, when the Tigers rolled to a 50-26 win to snap a six-game losing streak to the Panthers.

Georgiana is coming off an 0-10 season and has posted a 9-21 record the past three seasons after winning a total of 44 games the previous four years. The Panthers are in their 98th season on the gridiron and have posted 52 winning seasons. Coach Berry Bess is in his second season as the Panthers head coach and has an 0-10 record at the helm.

October 14 Floralda Wildcats

Elba will return home in week eight for a region clash with the Floralda Wildcats. The Tigers own a slim 16-14-4 series edge over the Wildcats, won the last meeting 61-34 in 2019 and have won four of the last five meetings.

Floralda is in its 104th season on the football field and had logged 47 winning seasons. The 'Cats are coming off a 3-7 season after winning a total of 15 games the previous seasons. Coach Jordan Cantrell will be in his first season at the helm of the Wildcats and coached the past four seasons at Elmore County, where his teams posted a 10-30 record.

October 21 at, Pleasant Home Eagles

Elba will be back on the road in week nine when they head to Pleasant Home for a region match-up with the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Tigers own a 2-0 series edge over the Eagles, won the last meeting 54-0 back in 2019 and in the two wins has outscored the Eagles 82-14.

Pleasant Home is in its 24th season on the football field and has posted four winning seasons. The Eagles have struggled to back-to-back one-win seasons and a 2-17 record, and last posted a winning record back in 2011. Coach Cody Sellers will be the new head coach at Pleasant Home after leading Excel to a 9-20 record from 2018-2020.

October 28 at, McKenzie Tigers

Elba will close out the regular season and region play in week ten when they travel to McKenzie for a clash with the McKenzie Tigers. Elba holds a 2-0 series edge, won the last meeting 40-6 in 2019 and in the two wins outscored the Tigers 96-19.

McKenzie is in its 97th year on the football field, has posted 50 winning seasons and won a state title back in 1991. The Tigers are coming off back-to-back seven-win seasons and consecutive playoff appearances after winning just one game on 2018 and 2019. Coach Ezell Powell will be in his first year at the McKenzie helm and during an eight-year stay at Georgiana led his teams to a 64-27 record and six playoff trips.

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SPORTS NEWS

Kinston 12U Boys go 2-2 at Dixie Youth state tournament

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Kinston Boys 12U baseball team represented its community last week at the Alabama Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone State Tournament, Division II, in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Kinston advanced to the state tournament as the District 9 champion for Division II. Also advancing to the tournament for the district was the Geneva 12U team, but the young Panthers made an early exit from the double elimination state tourney losing the opening game to Beulah 18-0 and their second game to Matthews Park 14-2.

Kinston, however, battled to a "Top Six" finish in the state at the highly competitive tournament.

The 12U Bulldogs opened play on Thursday, July 7, with a resounding 11-3 win over the Decatur American team. This advanced Kinston to 'Day 2' action.

On Friday, July 8, Kinston first met nearby Dale County team, Arton.

Kinston fought for six innings in 100-plus degree temperatures but lost 15-8 to Arton.

Friday evening, Kinston met Moundville in a must-win situation. The two teams battled hard, but Kinston came out on top 15-8 to advance.

Saturday morning, Kinston played Fayette, a team which narrowly lost to Arton 7-5 the night before after a valiant comeback effort late in that game.

The Kinston/Fayette game was a nail-biter that came down to the final out, but it was Fayette claiming the 3-2 victory thus ending Kinston's bid for a state championship.

Fayette would lose 10-9 Saturday afternoon in its semi-final game against Beulah. Arton won the state championship defeated Beulah 2-0 in the finals.

Arton will represent Alabama at the Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone World Series in Anderson, South Carolina set to begin July 29th.



Jhett Creech (51) heads home to score in Kinston's 15-8 win over Moundville to stay alive in the tourney.



Easton Parker (4) at bat in the opening game at state against the Decatur American team.



Jon Simmons (28) looks to score from third in Friday's game against Arton as his coach/dad, Tyler Simmons, watches from the coaches box.



Kinston's Jon Simmons (28) dives to apply a tag for a crucial out at third in the Friday afternoon, July 8, game against Arton. Also pictured is Evan Hilburn (7).



Maverick Owen (13) concentrates on his at-bat during opening day action.



Zavory Stanley (99) pitches in Saturday's game against Fayette. This must-win game for both teams was a close battle from opening pitch to the final out.



JD Weeks (19) watches the pitch as he stands ready to run from second to third during Friday's Arton game.



Rylen Hawthorne (9) at bat in the opening game win.



Jackson Cowen (2) fields a ball during the Arton game as teammate Rylen Hawthorne (9) runs over to back him up on the play. Cowen held the runner to a single with his throw back to the infield.



Ryan Worsham (6) looks for Coach Tyler Simmons signal as he stands on second in the opening game Thursday.



Parker Weeks (12) makes a big stop on a pitch from behind the plate during the Decatur American game.



Evan Hilburn (7) delivered some clutch pitching late in the Arton game. He struck out the first three batters he faced from the mound.

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LIFESTYLES

Clark awarded Alan H. Richardson Statesmanship award

Fred D. Clark Jr., president & CEO, Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA), has been awarded the 2022 Alan H. Richardson Statesmanship Award by the American Public Power Association (APPA).

The award was presented on June 14 during the APPA National Conference in Nashville, Tenn. Twenty-three individuals and eight utilities were recognized for service to APPA and the public power industry during the conference.

APPA, based in Washington, D.C., represents not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities that power homes, businesses and streets in nearly 2,000 towns and cities, serving 47 million Americans.

The award is named for Alan H. Richardson, who served APPA for 30 years—12 as President & CEO—



Fred D. Clark Jr.

and retired at the end of 2007. The award honors public power leaders who work to achieve consensus on national issues important to public power utilities.

Clark, a past board member of the APPA Board of Directors, has been involved with energy policy development and advocacy for over 30 years. He has worked for the benefit of electric consumers from his years of

experience with municipal electric utilities and electric cooperatives in Alabama. From defeating taxes that focused solely on municipal utilities to protecting service territories from unnecessary regulations, Clark continues to build consensus and successfully move the public power message forward.

Seniors encouraged to join the fun at the Elba Senior Citizens Center

Donna Falls, director of the Elba Senior Citizens Center, encourages all seniors age 60 and older to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, Falls works with seniors to help them apply for several programs that they may qualify, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Pro-

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To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is a social place for any senior citizen to come have fun and find or make new friends.

If interested in joining the center, stop by [304 Factory Ave in downtown Elba] or call (334) 897-3019.



NEW OFFICERS...The Elba Lions Club recently elected new officers for 2022-2023. They are (from left): James Kelley, treasurer; Leo Brown, president; and Carlos Magwood, vice-president. Not pictured: Cal Donna Howard, secretary.

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MONTHLY GATHERING OF CLASSMATES...Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 gathered Tuesday morning, July 12, for their monthly breakfast meeting at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba. According to the class members, good food and fellowship is enjoyed each month by all! Those present for the July breakfast were (pictured): Bobby Edmondson, Terry Calhoun, John Lawless, Gary Spurlin, Rodger Dale Boothe, Neal Hutto, Jerome Blackmon, David Blackmon, Jackey Tindol, Merrell Shirley, and Jerry Brown. Not pictured: Sara Warr Strong and Judy Galimore Brown.

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Elba Police Chief Troy Staley (pictured) was the guest speaker for the May 2022 Elba Lions Club meeting. The club features a guest speaker each month.

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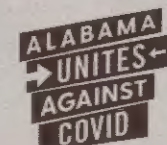


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Local DAV chapter to meet July 28th

The July meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday, July 28, 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center.

Elections for chapter officers for the upcoming year will be held. All members are asked to attend.

For more information contact Charles Lobbell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

Wiregrass EOC to hold financial aid workshop

The Wiregrass Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) will hold a financial aid workshop for students who need assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The Wiregrass EOC is a federally funded TRIO program aimed to assist students who dropped out of high school or never attended/didn't complete post-secondary training and wish to return to school. The program serves students in Coffee, Dale, Geneva, and Houston counties and helps with FAFSA completion, the college admissions process, and more. The FAFSA is an application that connects students with federal financial aid to help them pay for school, such as through the Pell Grant.

The EOC financial aid workshop will be held Thursday, July 14, in the computer lab in the ATTC Building at the Alabama Aviation College from 1-3 p.m.

Wiregrass EOC Director Jennifer Braden said the event is for first-time college students who haven't completed their FAFSA or those students who plan to return to college who need assistance filling out the application. She said EOC will assist students who complete the application for any college.

Students planning to attend college this fall will need to complete the 2022-23 FAFSA. Students are encouraged to bring a copy of their 2020 income tax forms to help with the completion of the application.

If a student is under the age of 24, he or she may be considered a dependent student for Financial Aid purposes, unless he or she is or was in the military, has a spouse, has dependents for whom they provide more than 50% of their support, or was in foster care while over the age of 13.

If a student is considered dependent, he or she will need to provide their parents' 2020 tax information to complete the FAFSA, and one parent will have to sign the FAFSA with the student.

For more information, students can call (334) 406-0495 or visit esc.edu/eoc.